Amendments to the Claims:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-6 (canceled).

Claim 7 (new). A drive device, comprising:

a rotatable input shaft and a rotatable output shaft;

a magnetic coupling connecting said input shaft and said output shaft, said magnetic coupling having at least two magnet pairs;

a blocking device disposed to limit a rotatability of said output shaft in a first direction of rotation and, wherein, when said blocking device has become effective, and owing to magnetic forces emanating from said magnetic coupling, said output shaft is rotated in a second direction of rotation opposite to the first direction of rotation.

Claim 8 (new). The drive device according to claim 7, wherein said input shaft is moved and continues to be moved when said output shaft is blocked.

Claim 9 (new). The drive device according to claim 7, wherein a transition to the second direction of rotation of said output shaft is a substantially sudden transition.

Claim 10 (new). The drive device according to claim 7, wherein said blocking device is a first blocking device, and a second blocking device is disposed to cause a reversal of a movement of said output shaft from the second direction of rotation

to the first direction of rotation.

Claim 11 (new). A method of operating a magnetic coupling disposed to couple an input shaft with an output shaft, which comprises:

moving the input shaft;

blocking the output shaft in a first direction of rotation;

moving the input shaft further; and

suddenly moving the output shaft in a second direction of rotation, opposite the first direction of rotation.

Claim 12 (new). The method according to claim 11, which comprises driving a contact piece of an electrical switching device with the output shaft.

Claim 13 (new). In combination with an electrical switching device, the drive device according to claim 7, wherein said output shaft is configured to drive a movable contact piece of an electrical switching device.